

Dear Sirs:

First, I apologize for using a canned letter, but for the most part it does a better job of saying what I would say in different words.

Please let me be clear, I am a Bush supporter but I am having a hard time believing that the Bush campaign is condoning this. I think this is illegal!. If it isn't, it sure as heck should be.

It has come to my attention though "Free Press" that Sinclair Broadcasting has made a decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I believe that this would be a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to

strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard.

Thank you.

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